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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Re: Ex Parte in CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Salas:

Pursuant to Public Notice DA 97-2713 issued December 30, 1997 ("Public Notice"), attached to this document are summaries of the ex parte meetings between MCI and FCC decision-making personnel regarding certain universal service issues within the scope of the above-captioned proceeding, as defined in the Public Notice. In an effort to comply with the Public Notice, MCI has disclosed summaries of meetings that related to future tariff filings if those discussions also included topics within the scope of the afore-mentioned Notice.

Please note that it was MCI's understanding that all meetings regarding MCI's future tariff filings were not required to be disclosed in accordance with 47 C.F.R. §1.1204(b)(3). MCI did not, therefore, keep comprehensive, detailed summaries of each conversation where MCI's tariff filings were discussed. Thus the attached summaries, done in good faith and to the best of the knowledge of all parties involved, represent meetings which MCI believes falls within the scope of this Public Notice. The attached summaries do not reflect discussions only related to future tariff filings.

Sincerely,

Lisa Smith  
Senior Policy Counsel

Attachment

cc: Chairman William Kennard  
Commissioner Susan Ness

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Commissioner Harold Furchtgott-Roth  
Commissioner Michael Powell  
Commissioner Gloria Tristani  
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Tom Power, Office of Chairman Kennard  
James Casserly, Office of Commissioner Ness  
Kevin Martin, Office of Commissioner Furchtgott-Roth  
Kyle Dixon, Office of Commissioner Powell  
Paul Gallant, Office of Commissioner Tristani  
Richard Metzger, Chief, CCB  
Richard Welch, Deputy Bureau Chief, CCB  
Ruth Milkman, Deputy Bureau Chief, CCB  
John Muleta, Deputy Bureau Chief, CCB  
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MEETING SUMMARIES  
PURSUANT TO PUBLIC NOTICE 97-2713

\* On or about November 18, 1997, Jonathan B. Sallet, Chief Policy Counsel of MCI, had a conversation with Richard Metzger during which they discussed authority to assess line items on bills.

\* On or about November 19, 1997, Jonathan Sallet, Chief Policy Counsel of MCI, Victoria Harker, Vice President of Finance, Mass Markets of MCI, and Wayne Huyard President of Mass Markets of MCI, had a conversation with Richard Metzger during which they discussed the payment of universal service charges in arrears.

\* On or about November 21, 1997, Bert Roberts, Chairman of MCI, had two conversations with Chairman William Kennard during which they discussed the payment of universal service charges in arrears.

\* On or about November 21, 1997, Len Sawicki of MCI had a conversation with James Casserly during which they discussed the inclusion of line item charges for universal service on MCI's bills.

\* On December 8, 1997, James Casserly, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Susan Ness, had a conversation with Brad Stillman, Senior Counsel of MCI, during which concerning inclusion of line item charges for universal service on MCI's residential bills.

During the following meetings, MCI representatives discussed the collection caps for federal universal service support mechanisms for schools and libraries and rural health care providers, the timing of implementation federal universal support mechanisms and the scope of billing disclosure issues:

\* On or about December 8, 1997, Jonathan B. Sallet, Chief Policy Counsel of MCI and Mark Esherick, Senior Policy Analyst of MCI, had a conversation with Commissioner Furchtgott-Roth and Kevin Martin, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Furchtgott-Roth.

\* On or about December 10, 1997, Tim Price, President of MCI, Jonathan B. Sallet, Chief Policy Counsel of MCI, and John Donoghue, Senior Vice President of Marketing for MCI, had a conversation with Chairman William Kennard.

\* On or about December 10, 1997, Tim Price, President of MCI, had a conversation with Commissioner Susan Ness.

\* On or about December 11, 1997, Tim Price, President of MCI and Jonathan B. Sallet, Chief Policy Counsel of MCI, had a conversation with Chairman William Kennard and John Nakahata, Chief of Staff.

\* On or about December 12, 1997, Tim Price, President of MCI, had a conversation

with Chairman William Kennard.

\* On or about December 12, 1997, Bert Roberts, Chairman of MCI, had a conversation with Commissioner Furchtgott-Roth.

\* On or about December 12, 1997, Jonathan B. Sallet had a conversation with James Casserly, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Ness.